(d) by when Government propose to implement the said recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The task force has yet to finalise its recommendations.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

DD loss on private telecasting programmes

381. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan lost about Rs. 10 crore to a private telecasting firm for its two programmes "Aankhon Dekhi" and "Dopahar Aankhon Dekhi" due to undue benefit extended to the firm as brought out in a recent report of the Comptroller and Auditor General;

(b) if so, the details of the contract and the event leading to the loss to Doordarshan;

(c) whether it is also a fact that until recently no investigation has been made into the deal; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and steps proposed to be taken to recover the rightful dues?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The C&AG in its report for the year ended March, 2000 has observed that Doordarshan did not apply the commercial rates in accordance with the then prevalent Rate Card in respect of news based programmes "Aankhon Dekhi' and "Dopahar Aankhon Dekhi' thereby giving an undue benefit of Rs. 9.96 crores to the producer of the programmes.

(c) and (d) the C&AG para on the subject is under examination.

Uniform Guidelines for Operation of Foreign Pay Channels

382. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to formulate uniform guidelines for